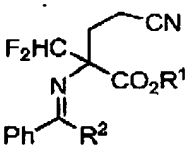
Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0043] on page 14 with the following paragraph:

[0043] A 37% solution of 2.2 g DFMO (12 mmol, 1.0 et) in 6 mL water was diluted in EtOH (18.2) to a 9% solution having a pH of 0. 4.2 mL of triethylamine (0.030 mol, 2.52 eg) was added dropwise at room temperature to bring the pH up to 4 and to form a slurry. The slurry was further agitated for 30 min. before being filtered off and the cake was washed with EtOH. The solids were then pulled dry yielding 1.64 g (57.9% yield) of pure white powder (~97% pure). The product can be further purified by the treatment of activated carbon and recrystallization from ethanol/water.

Example [[2]] 3: Preparation of Ethyl N-(Diphenylmethylene)amino 2-Difluoromethyl-4-Cyanobutyrate



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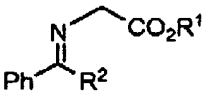
Preparation of N-(Diphenylmethylene)glycine Ethyl Ester



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